CNG in metro cities

910. PROF. M.M. AGARWAL: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that pollution in Kolkata, Mumbai, Chennai and Bangalore is growing;

(b) if so, the details of planning formulated by Government for using CNG to control pollution in these Metro cities; and

(c) the steps taken to provide CNG in these cities?

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI MANI SHANKAR AIYAR): (a) to (c) Use of CNG as auto fuel is being encouragedto reduce pollution in various cities. At present, CNG is being supplied in a big way to the metropolitan cities of Mumbai and Delhi onlv where 106 and 133 CNG outlets respectively have been set up. CNG will be progressively introduced in other polluted cities, including Kolkata, Chennai and Bangalore with the expansion of the pipeline infrastructure and the increased availability of natural gas, and also subject to economic viability.

Review of pricing mechanism

911. SHRI K. RAMA MOHANA RAO: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government are contemplating for a complete overhaul of the existing pricing mechanism for petrol, diesel, LPG and Kerosene;

(b) whether Government are moving in this direction due to increase in the crude oil prices in the international market; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI MANI SHANKAR AIYAR): (a) to (c) The Government is constantly monitoring/ reviewing the pricing of sensitive petroleum products namely petrol, diesel, kerosene and LPG.

The international prices of crude oil and petroleum products decisively